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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

A Ministry of Health and the Future of the Medical Profession.

THE Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association has arranged a meeting of the medical profession of the Home Counties to be held in the Toplady Hall (Whitefield's), Tottenham Court Road, on Tuesday, October 15th, at 4 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the proposed Ministry of Health in its relation to the health of the people and the future of the medical profession. The speakers will include the president of the Branch, Dr. M. G. Biggs, who will take the chair, Major-General Sir Bertrand Dawson, G.C.V.O., and Dr. H. B. Brackenbury. At the close of the discussion resolutions based upon the following principles will be submitted to the meeting: (1) A Ministry of Health should be set up under proper conditions as an introduction to a constructive health policy adequate to the national needs. (2) It is essential that the Ministry of Health should have a medical advisory council as a part of its permanent organization. To be a reality such council must meet frequently, be empowered to seek information from heads of departments, and have direct access to the Minister and the right to initiate advice. No scheme which fails to institute such a council from the outset can be of benefit to the nation or enlist the support of the medical profession. (3) Any organization of the clinical services of the country should be based upon a development of voluntary independent professional work and should preserve the best features of existing methods of practice. No scheme for a whole-time salaried clinical service would be in the best interests of the people. (4) In order to secure greater professional solidarity and organized means of voicing that unity, it is important that the British Medical Association should receive a still wider allegiance from medical practitioners in the metropolitan counties area than it now possesses.

Linked Hospitals and Homes.

The Medico-Political Committee of the British Medical Association at its meeting on October 2nd was informed that the Ministry of Pensions is arranging to link up a number of homes for paralytic and chronic pensioners with voluntary hospitals in order to secure administrative supervision of the homes by the larger institutions, the cost being borne as administration expenses. In one area a local practitioner is being appointed to visit the home daily at a fee of one guinea a week, and in another area a fee of two guineas a week is contemplated for the same service. It is understood that the Ministry is endeavouring to persuade the staffs of the voluntary hospitals to undertake consultative service in difficult cases gratuitously. The committee decided that the attention of the medical profession should be drawn to these proposals, and that the medical staffs should be advised not to give the suggested consultations without fee.

Insurance Acts Subcommittee for Scotland.

The Insurance Acts Committee at its last meeting resolved that a Scottish subcommittee should be reappointed consisting of (*a*) members of the parent committee resident in Scotland; (*b*) eight members appointed by the Panel Committees of Scotland; and (*c*) five members appointed by the Scottish Committee of the Association, of whom three at least shall be insurance practitioners. The subcommittee will continue to meet in Scotland, with the following terms of reference:

> To consider and report to the Insurance Acts Committee on those matters which are peculiar to that country, respecting the relation of the medical profession in Scotland to the National Insurance Acts; to report on any matters specially referred to it by the parent Committee; to confer with the Scottish Commissioners as representing the views of insurance practitioners in Scotland on any subjects specially relating to the working of the Insurance Acts in Scotland as distinct from those which are common to all insurance practitioners; and generally to keep the Insurance Acts Committee in touch with the Local Medical and Panel Committees in Scotland.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.

THE autumn meeting of the Branch was held at Dorchester on September 25th, when the President, Dr. H. SIMMONS, was in the chair. The following officers were elected for the year commencing May, 1919:

President: Dr. E. Kaye Le Fleming. *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. A. D. Edwards and Dr. J. Elliott Robinson. *Honorary Secretaries:* Dr. F. Fowler and Dr. P. A. Ross.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held at Bournemouth. Dr. E. L. LUTHER, vice-president, read a paper on painless childbirth, and Major COSENS a paper on reflex abdominal phenomena. On the proposition of the PRESIDENT a hearty vote of thanks was given to Dr. Luther, who kindly entertained members to tea after the meeting.

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2.—By order,

W. E. WARNE,
Acting Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

October 3rd, 1918.

The Nottingham Insurance Committee has notified practitioners on the panel in that area that the final credit for medical benefit for 1917 is sufficient to admit of a credit to practitioners at the rate of 7s. and 9.7652 pence, which includes 5.89 pence from the Drug Suspense Account (the floating sixpence) in respect of each name on the doctor's list calculated on the average number for the year as provided by the regulations.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following notifications are made by the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeon J. C. Ferguson has been placed on the retired list with the rank of Deputy Surgeon-General. Fleet Surgeon W. G. Westcott to the *Monarch*. Temporary Surgeons I. H. Lloyd to the *Ganges*, for R.N. Sick Quarters, Shotley. A. G. Simmons to R.N. Hospital, Haslar. D. A. Imrie to R N. Hospital, Plymouth.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

To be Surgeon Probationer: J. F. H. Greener.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel G. J. A. Ormsby, D.S.O., relinquishes the temporary rank of Colonel on reposting.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Lieut.-Colonel on resposting: Major E. B. Booth, D.S.O., temporary Captain H. Faulkner.

To be acting Lieut.-Colonels while in command of a medical unit: Major M. F. Grant, Captain (acting Major) E. Phillips, M.C.

Temporary Captain L. Leslie relinquishes the acting rank of Major on reposting.

Temporary Captain A. N. Bruce to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

To be acting Majors: Captain D. Bell, M.C.; temporary Captains O. J. Day, M.C., W. L. Lyall, J. D. Cooke, M. Fitzmaurice-Kelly, G. G. Anderson, J. R. Davies (from June 9th to July 29th, 1918).

The notification in the *London Gazette* of July 20th, 1918, regarding temporary Captain W. Rogerson is cancelled.

To be temporary Captains: G. B. Wilkinson, E. A. Aylward, W. J. Woodman (late Captain R.A.M.C., T.F.), W. G. Lidderdale, E. S. Holloway, B. Beamish, S. L. Haslett, F. M. Harvey, M.C., J. F. Bullar, A. S. Allan, W. Hughes, P. Daly, L. J. Hood. Temporary Lieutenants: H. Farncombe, A. E. Clark, C. W. Coghlan, H. D. Pollard, J. Martin, J. B. Wilkie, D. Young, M. B. Reichwald, H. L. Pearson, C. F. Curtis, T. Craig, D. M. Cox, J. S. Crichton, D. T. Evans, H. Graham, S. A. Furlong, M. Dockrell, S. M. Vassallo, G. W. B. Shaw, H. H. Molloy, G. M. Grundy, R. G. Meyer, F. W. Emery, F. M. H. Sanderson, L. E. C. Handson, E. G. Hodgson.

Late temporary Captains granted the honorary rank of Captain: E. A. Pearson, A. M. J. Halligan, E. G. H. Weir.

To be temporary honorary Captains: S. J. Cattley, J. R. Taylor.

Officers relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Captains: T. C. Pocock (on account of ill health contracted on active service and is granted the honorary rank of Captain), S. C. Westwood and T. W. Bailey (on account of ill health and are granted the honorary rank of Captain), C. A. Wickham (and is granted the honorary rank of Captain), J. W. Wayte (on account of ill health caused by wounds and is granted the honorary rank of Captain), S. C. Shanks, F. H. Cooke, A. P. Woolright, F. L. McKinnon, M.C., J. H Mayston, W. H. Parsons, M.C., A. G. Graham, P. Daly, F. J. McCarthy, A. D. Howard, W. E. Peck, B. H. Swift, M.C., J. F. Allen, C. Wace, T. S. S. Holmes, T. E. Parker, F. S. Noble, H. O'Neill, R McCaffery. Temporary Lieutenants: F. W. Chesnaye, T. E. Lister, H. Leach, W. H. Woodyer, P. T. J. O'Farrell, A. Rogers, G. Burnet, M.C., K. D. Marriner, C. L. Birmingham, T. D. C. Cathcart. Temporary honorary Lieutenant C. E. Fearn (on account of ill health and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant).

To be temporary Lieutenants: D. H. Vickery, T. M. Richardson, L. Milburn, W. Bligh, S. E. Breakly, H. T. O'Neill, C. H. Lee, R. Lawrence, W. A. Mein, J. Black, A. D. Pringle, H. R. F. Towne, A. I. Girdwood, F. Aitkin, R. M. Moore, L. N. H. Biggs, H. C. Sutton, H. Abernethy, W. K. Anderson, C. Blake, E. S. Verdon, S. Wilton, C. R. Kidd, A. L. Aylmer, E. W. Sharp, J. G. Louden, A Macintyre.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenants: F. A. Georger, B. D. Brooker.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Granted temporary commissions:—As Captains: H. P. Helsham (Captain R.A.M.C.), B. H. Swift, M. E. H. Wale, E. G. Fearnsides (and to be honorary Major), B. B. Lilly. As Lieutenants: E. E. Rollins, A. E. Collie, E. F. Wilson, S. A. Clark.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

All temporary Indian Medical Service officers appointed prior to January 1st, 1917, have been granted the temporary rank of Captain with effect from date of completion of one year's service.

The services of Majors M. H. Thornely, F.R.C.S.E., W. E. McKechnie, M.B., and R. F. Steel have been replaced at the disposal of the Governments of Bihar and Orissa, United Provinces and Bombay respectively.

Lieut.-Colonel P. B. Haig, appointed temporarily to hold visiting charge of the office of Residency Surgeon, Jaipur, in addition to his own duties, June 12th, 1918.

Granted temporary rank of Major: Captains E. R. Armstrong, E. E. Doyle, A. F. Babonau, A. D. Stewart and F. W. Cragg.

Officers permitted to retire with effect from dates indicated: Lieut.-Colonels H. A. J. Gidney, July 1st, 1918, and A. Gwyther, January 29th, 1918, on account of ill health, and N. P. O'G. Lalor, July 25th, 1918; Major C. S. Lowson, July 27th, 1917.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain E. J. Bradley relinquishes the acting rank of Major on reposting.

Captain N. M. Lewis relinquishes his commission on account of ill health and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant.

Captain T. G. Fleming, M.C., to be acting Major whilst specially employed.

Lieutenant D. J. Valentine to be acting Major.

To be Lieutenants: F. K. MacMillan, N. B. Peacock, W. Napier, A. S. Goudie, J. W. Mackay, J. B. Potter, W. Scotland, and D. Finlayson, from Glasgow University Contingent O.T.C.; A. M. Dugan, from Aberdeen University Contingent O.T.C.; R. B. MacGregor, from Edinburgh University Contingent O.T.C.; A. K. I. Jones, from University of London Contingent O.T.C.; W. A. Hewitson, from Durham University Contingent O.T.C.; G. R. Baxter, from Leeds University Contingent O.T.C.; J. F. Cunningham, W. H. Duff, J. M. Macpherson, A. M. Davidson.

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CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary Major A. L. Jones, M.C., C.A.M.C., to be Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services.

Temporary Major G. H. R. Gibson, D.S.O., C.A.M.C., relinquishes his appointment as Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services.

CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Captains to be temporary Majors: E. L. Warner, F. S. Park, W. R. W. Haight.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, acting Lieut.-Colonel) W. Butler relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed.

Major F. G. Bushnell and Captain C. N. Chadborn are seconded for duty overseas.

Major T. Duncan relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Major.

The announcement regarding Major (temporary Lieut.-Colonel) A. C. Goodwin which appeared in the *London Gazette* of April 5th, 1918, is cancelled.

Captain (acting Major) R. S. Taylor, D.S.O., is granted the pay and allowances of his acting rank.

Captains (acting Majors) C. S. P. Black, M.C., and P. S. Martin, M.C., relinquish their acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed.

Captain N. C. Rutherford, D.S.O., to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst commanding a field ambulance.

Captain (Brevet Major, temporary Lieut.-Colonel) C. H. S. Frankau, D.S.O., relinquishes the temporary rank of Lieut.-Colonel on ceasing to command a casualty clearing station.

Captain W. Duncan to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Captain E. D. Gairdner, D.S.O., to be Major.

Captains to be acting Majors whilst specially employed: A. L. Sharpin, G. B. Pritchard, H. Connop, J. Walker, W. A. Campbell, G. H. Dominy.

Captains R. Richards and A. L. Flemming are restored to the establishment.

Lieutenant W. E. Evans to be Captain.

VOLUNTEER FORCE.

City of Edinburgh R.A.M.C.(V.).—Temp. Lieutenant W. G. Aitchison-Robertson to be temporary Major.

Kent R.A.M.C.(V.).—Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: R. Wilkinson, H. O. Preston, E. J. Wood, R. A. Walter, J. Sterry (Lieutenant late R.A.M.C.) to be temporary Captain.

Lancashire R.A.M.C.(V.).—Temp. Lieutenant J. Holmes resigns his commission.

County of London R.A.M.C.(V.).—J. G. McWillie to be temporary Captain. J. S. Macintosh to be temporary Lieutenant.

Norfolk R.A.M.C.(V.).—C. W. Steel to be temporary Captain. To be temporary Lieutenants: T. T. Richards, L. P. Clements, S. W. M. Vyse.

Peeblesshire R.A.M.C.(V.).—G. H. Wilson to be temporary Lieutenant.

Sussex R.A.M.C.(V.).—Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Owen, C.M.G., C.I.E. (late I.M.S.), to be temporary Major.

APPOINTMENTS.

DAVIES, Maurice, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., District Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for Roydon, Parndon, and Nazeing District of the Epping Union.

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS.—J. W. Rollings, L.M.S.S.A. (Luton Union), A. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B.Glas. (Bury Union).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

DEATHS.

GRIFFITH.—On September 24th, at "The Homestead," The Colony, Lingfield, Surrey, Alfred Hume Griffith, M.D.Edin., D.P.H.Cantab., aged 43.

STUBBS.—On the 1st inst., at Thornescroft, Shipley, near Wolverhampton, Henry Stubbs, M.R.C.S., L.S.A. (formerly of Madeley, Shropshire), aged 80 years.

On Active Service.

O'FLYNN.—Died of wounds in France on September 24th, 1918, Lieutenant M. J. O'Flynn, M.D., R.A.M.C., Northamptonshire Regiment, aged 38 years, beloved husband of Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn, of Neath, Glamorgan. R.I.P.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE, 8.30 p.m.—*Section of Neurology:* A Discussion on Causalgia and Its Treatment, to be opened by Dr. Wilfred Harris.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		OCTOBER.
5	Sat.	Insurance Acts Subcommittee (Scotland), North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh, 10.45 a.m.
		Scottish Committee, North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh, 2.15 p.m.
7	Mon.	London: Naval and Military Committee, 2.30 p.m.
15	Tues.	Meeting of Profession arranged by Metropolitan Counties Branch *re* Ministry of Health and the Future of the Medical Profession, Toplady Hall (Whitefield's), Tottenham Court Road, W., 4 p.m.
16	Wed.	London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
18	Fri.	London: Central Ethical Committee, 2 p.m.
23	Wed.	London: **Council Meeting.**
24	Thur.	London: Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 10 a.m.

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